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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES:CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS):
ROY CLARK

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1. PAA'S DIRECTOR OF SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, STUART WOOSTER, AND D. DADAE, DIRECTOR OF CARGO IN WASHINGTON D.C. MEETING FEBRUARY 2 WITH CARGO OFFICIALS AT JFK INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT OF CARGO R. WATERS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD ASSURE ON-TIME ARRIVAL PROPERTIES OF AMERICAN PAG'S. SECOND CONSECUTIVE OFF-LOADING OF EQUIPMENT WITHIN TWO-MONTHS AFTER LONG PERIOD OF YEARS WITHOUT SUCH INCIDENTS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ABOVE-NAMED OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY WOOSTER WHO, IN PAST TWO WEEKS, HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING DETERMINE CAUSE. DEPT HAS BEEN REASSURED BY WOOSTER THAT OFF-LOADING OF PROPERTIES OF U.S. OFFICIAL PAG'S QUOTE CANNOT HAPPEN AGAIN AND THAT ,T IS ,TET TO STABLISH PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE SUCH POSSIBILITY END QUOTE.

2. WE SHARE EMB'S CONCERN RE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH MISHAPS.

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KEENLY AWARE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO GOSK, ADDITIONAL

BURDENS PLACED ON DEPT/EMB AS WELL POSSIBLE HARM TO USG

POSITION IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AMERICAN PAG'S.
BECAUSE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS
RESTS IN DEPT IT OUR INTENT OBTAIN ASSURANCES REQUIRED
FOE ON-TIME ARRIVAL OF FUTURE PAG'S AND THEIR PROPERTIES.

3. WILL KEEP EMB ADVISED. INGERSOLL

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